

Falcons Soar To Higher Education

by John Trindade

Congratulations to the Class of '86. Some have been accepted to the following colleges and specialized schools: Academy of Aeronautics, Adelphi, American University, Barry Boston, Brown, Canisius, Chaminade, Toby Coburn, Columbia, Cornell, C.W. Post, Dayton, Elizabeth Seton, Robert Fiance, Fordham, Grace Institute, Hampton, Hofstra, Indiana Institute of Technology, Iona, Johns Hopkins, Johnson and Wales, Kent State, Long Island University, Maine Maritime, Manhattan, Manhattanville, Maris, Marymount Manhattan, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, New York Institute of Technology, New York Polytechnic, New York University, New School of Social Research, North Georgia, Northeastern, Northwestern, Norwich, Pace, Parson's School of Design, Pratt, Penn State, Post, Rensselaer, Polytechnic Institute, Rochester Institute of Technology, School of Visual Arts, St. Bonaventure, St. Francis, St. John's, St. Joseph's, Syracuse, University of Arizona, Charleston, University of Michigan, Pennsylvania, Virginia State, Wagner, and Woods. C.U.N.Y.: City College, Baruch, Brooklyn, Hunter, John Jay, Kingsborough, Manhattan, New York Technical, Queensborough, Manhattan, Staten Island, and York.

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Seniors Celebrate Prom Night

by Josephine Diorio

Prom night is what the whole senior year is about, because most of the senior year is spent planning and preparing for that one night! Is it worth all the aggravation and saving? Yes, it is.

On Friday, May 30, the class of '86 will hold their Prom at Terrace on the Park.

The Prom starts at 7 and ends at about 12 o'clock. Most of the seniors will leave a little early to start partying in Manhattan. Basically what most of the seniors do is go to the show first, then to the night clubs. After the night club they go to the beach where they watch the sun rise, eat breakfast, and finally go home. Some, who still have the energy, get changed and go to either Action Park or Great Adventure, while others spend the day doing things at a much slower pace, like going to the beach and soaking up the rays.

Most of the seniors feel it is worth all the trouble they go through. It is one of the most memorable evenings for Ford, and they wish it did not have to end.

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Curtain Rises For Master Thespians



The cast of "The Boy Who Changed the World" pictured above (standing, left to right): Randy Anderson, Alex Caches, Phil Del Rocco, Anthony Scotto, Chris Rapp, Al Campos, John Guerrera, Nick Basso. Seated, left to right: Miki Poux, Tina Pagano, Maria C. Summers, Dina Prostamo, Heather Bowen, Maria Picardi, Nancy Rendeiro.

by Maria Summers

Are you seeking a group of dedicated, responsible, talented young people? If so, stop your searching. They're here! The Chalk Circle Players, better known as "The Drama Club," are what you have been looking for.

This group takes on many responsibilities and works very hard to achieve one goal: a successful performance. From the very beginning, every person who takes part in a production must realize the importance of commitment.

During the first weeks of rehearsal one may not realize how much is going to have to be sacrificed in the future in order for the production to work. The schedule is light, and not much more is asked of the cast than most other clubs or teams require. However, the seriousness of what is being done can not escape anyone's notice. The schedule becomes hectic, sometimes frustrating. Day in and day out, seven days a week, the same old lines and movements are performed in front of an audience who just can't seem to find them original any more. Many a time a cast has come into school early in the morning, gone to rehearsal, and

not seen the light of that day but from a window. Fatigue, hunger, homesickness, and impatience to run out that door strike each member at least once during the preparation. "Why do this? Why did I give up all my free time for just two nights?"

These questions are not answered until the curtains are opened and every light is dimmed. After it is all over, one realizes how much fun it "actually is belonging to a "family" of people who stick closely together, not knowing whether their efforts will bring about a failure or a success. No one person can do it alone; everyone depends on every one else, as well as on himself, knowing that he's not alone and that others have given up many things to do this. Realizing this gives each member the incentive to give all he has, not only to his director, but to his colleagues.

Have a Happy
and
Safe Summer

A sense of respect is formed amongst the performers, assistant director, and director. This and the applause compensate for all the sacrifices and headaches connected with the production.

Some of the veterans who have already experienced these feelings are seniors: Anthony Scotto, Dina Prostamo (club president), Nicholas Basso, Phil DelRocco, Alfred Campos; juniors: Maria Summers, James Mogavero; sophomore: Tina Pagano (assistant director); and freshman: John Guerrera.

The new members who are taking part in "The Boy Who Changed the World" are seniors: Randall Anderson, Chris Rapp, Michelle Poux; juniors: Heather Bowen, Alex Caches, Nancy Rendeiro, and Maria Picardi.

The director, Mr. Joseph Mingrone, often reminds the cast that, "Many times people have been in plays and then never auditioned again. They realized the seriousness it required, and for various reasons they believed they could not handle it because of other commitments. Never, though, has any one said 'I didn't enjoy it,' or 'I regret ever being in the play.' In the end it all seems to pay off."

Juniors Attend Ring Night

by Ted Kardasz

Junior Ring Night was held on April 18 at 7:30 P.M. in Bishop Ford's auditorium.

Ring Night was a very special occasion for all of the juniors who took part in the ceremony, as they received their rings in the company of their peers, their teachers, and their families.

It was a night none of the participants will ever forget; it will go down as one of the highlights of the school year. In a way the rings represent our high school careers at Bishop Ford.

Ars Longa Vita Brevis

by John Trindade

This year's art exhibition exploded with diversity ranging from graphics to video, from performances to a new kind of expression. Our young, emerging student artists really have something to say. Unfortunately, their often more individual and perhaps risky pieces are met with indifference and/or misunderstanding. In light of some previous reactions, Mr. Turturro likes to answer questions that people may have concerning art and entertainment.

On April 21, Mr. Turturro began a series of art talks, using slides and open discussion to make important points about art today. One seminar was entitled "Art Symposium."

These talks were open to the faculty and students. This is the first year of these seminars. We hope that they will continue their success for years to come.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the cast
and crew of "The Boy
Who Changed the World"
for a job well done!

Faculty Cheating Rampant At Superstars

by John Trindade
and Barbra Trukawinski

On Wednesday, March 12, the seniors and faculty competed in the gym right after school. The audience, which consisted of underclassmen and seniors who didn't compete, cheered the competitors on to a tie. The teachers then conceded to the seniors.

The Superstars was made up of six events. They were:

volleyball, dodgeball, relay race, basketball, obstacle course, and tug-of-war. While the faculty won at volleyball, basketball, and dodge ball, the seniors won the three remaining events, thanks to Sheldon Speights in the relay race and Robert Rivera, who was anchorman in the tug-of-war.

Even though everyone enjoyed himself, there was the

matter of cheating on the teachers' side. First of all, the referees and judges were faculty members most of the time. Secondly, in basketball there were fouls called on the seniors which weren't called on the faculty. Some female members of the faculty double-dribbled and some male teachers tripped the opposing team's players. Thirdly, the

teachers told their rivals who could and who couldn't play for the seniors. Fourthly, the teachers took huge leads in the obstacle course and relay race.

The outcome of this competition was fair, because the seniors won their three events without cheating. If the outcome had been different, there might have been a protest!

Falcons Get Their Tailfeathers At Commencement Exercises

by Josephine Diorio

On Saturday, June 7th, at 10:00 a.m., the Class of 1986 will be coming together for the last time.

This is a time for a lot of mixed emotions. We are excited because we now have a chance to use the knowledge we obtained at Ford in the real world. At the same time, we're going to miss the people we've grown close to and the memorable moments we have shared in our years here.

Graduation is a time when the whole Bishop Ford community comes together to give the class a grand farewell. It's a time when you finally understand what these four years have been all about.

We should not think of graduation as an end but as a beginning.

It's a time for a new start. Some of us are going to go to college, while others are going off to the working world, each of us doing his own thing.

Congratulations to the class of '86. We are going to miss you. Good luck in everything you do!

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AVE ATQUE VALE

by Alberto Gancitano

Can you remember the first day of school in your freshman year? You stared wide-eyed at the crowds of people, wondering if you ever would find your way around such a big school. You rushed to class, only to find that you'd arrived in the wrong classroom. It sounds comical now, doesn't it? But that was you, departing senior, only four years ago.

Imagine all the changes we've gone through since then: things learned and long forgotten, friendships made and dissolved. It seems like an eternity, but it's true. Four years ago this September we arrived from grammar school, filled with irrational fears that we wouldn't be able to survive high school. There were the whispered stories of the showers that were supposedly mandatory in gym, long hours spent in the dean's office for minor infractions of rules; these are things freshman year is made of. Slowly but surely, we adjusted. By the time sophomore year came, we had made a lot of new friends and we more or less knew how to get around the rules. Sure, we had some boring classes, like health, but how many guys can forget the thrill of finding out that Miss Sarnelle was their biology teacher?

In junior year these things didn't seem as important. In the spring time the rings were distributed and the SATS loomed in the future. This was the first inkling you had that high school was not forever. But still, you had senior year to look forward to.

Freshman orientation day: standing in the hallways, you directed the freshmen around. Could we have looked like them? No, we couldn't have. But, then, suddenly you realize that next year you'll be just like the freshmen you so confidently guided.

Once the Christmas break comes, the days seem to flow one right into the other. Before you know it, prom deposits are due, and the application for your diploma is sent in. At the risk of sounding melodramatic, you say to your friends that you wish you were a freshman again. They may laugh, but secretly they wish the same thing. If we could only relive the times we had, dance-a-thons and plays, parties and dances! But, unfortunately, one can't turn back the hands of the clock.

Surprise! It's May 30, the last day of classes. You begin the final goodbyes to these walls of black and red that you have so loved. You bid farewell to friends and teachers. Farewell to Bishop Ford: we shall never forget you. And Ford won't forget us. To the underclassmen who read this article now, sincerely, I offer you this advice: Enjoy your years here at Ford. They'll be the happiest days of your lives.

STATESMANSHIP

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SALESMANSHIP

by Renee Johnson

For the Christmas, 1985 issue of **Highpoint**, I wrote an editorial entitled "Student Government: Modern Relaxation." This article stressed the importance of and unfortunate deficiency in effective communication between student government officials and the student body. The article was not an attack on any particular governmental official. Instead, it aimed to bring to the attention of the entire school something which is taken for granted.

The spring, 1986 issue of **Highpoint** contained a rebuttal entitled "One Person Does Not A Government Make." Written by Glen Butler, this article was quite interesting. It defended his friends like a true gallant, and his feral personal description of me was quite impressive. I would like to advise him, however, to read more carefully. He seems to have regressed to a time long past when the idea of representing a whole lake by one fish was accepted. Sorry, but this was in the third grade. One cannot simply read a whole article and, because one's friends are not mentioned in a single sentence, wet one's pants.

The last sentence of my article was: "This year Bishop Ford is fortunate to have such qualified officials as Jose Ortega, senior class president, and Richard McManus, junior class president. Webster defines the word "such" as: of like kind; of that kind; of same kind; similar in degree, quality. These names were mentioned because, like it or not, they are the most familiar among the freshman-through-seniors.

The next time the urge to fire is overwhelming, do yourself a favor and find the target first.

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In the interest of free speech, **HIGHPOINT** provides a forum for the expression of opinion to all members of the Ford community. All signed letters to the editor from responsible individuals will be published as space permits.

Not The Words Of One Who Kneels

by Christian Razukas

What is the purpose of a newspaper? To publish all smiles and a happy-face approval of everything? No, not quite. To be just for the sake of having a newspaper—something to keep Mr. McKay off the streets? I would tend to doubt it. No, this reporter believes there is more to it than that. A newspaper represents itself as a vehicle for keeping the public informed. It is a forum for expressing opinions without fear. Most importantly, it is a tool for change. It exists to present ideas and solutions. It serves to point out what others might miss, to catch mistakes, to inform those in control what the voice of the people says, to keep in communication the officials and the people who put them in their positions.

There is another reason for having a paper, though: to afford us the opportunity to practice the right of free speech given to us in the Constitution. This is not a right given to us just to keep a group of old, crusty newspapermen (of which this reporter is one) happy. It is for the benefit of all. No man can do it alone; no man knows it all. In order to insure domestic tranquility, things must be said, advice tendered, opinions given, options stated. Our right to free speech gives all of us the ability to do these things without fear.

"Who are you to point this out?" a member of the administration asked of this reporter. The reporter is Editor-in-Chief of this newspaper, which costs over \$2000 per annum to produce (that's your tuition, your parents' money). This implies a responsibility to you, the public, which we strive to meet. Not only does the public have a right to know, it has a right to express grievances, and not only a right, an obligation. Woodward and Bernstein would have been derelict in their responsibility if they had not published what they knew of Richard Nixon's crimes. They did not put personal security over possibly unfavorable reaction. They did not worry about the government of the people becoming unsettled. Their responsibility to the republic transcended the pettiness of others.

Our responsibility to the public must also transcend. We reporters must not be afraid to present stories, to publish our facts and state our ideas. We cannot worry about how many feathers we might ruffle. The staff of **Highpoint** consists, in a way, of professionals. When this paper tenders comment to any source, it can only be hoped that the recipient will be professional and listen intelligently. Our editorial staff gives all ideas due consideration. We can only hope that others will do the same and not ignore our ideas, or react on a personal level and take offense. It is hoped that those in authority will act with rationality and responsibility and integrity. Otherwise brave men must rush in where those of free speech fear to tread. Newspapering has its fortunes, both good and bad. We can always fall back on the Constitution. **Highpoint** will always be here. "Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of the press."

American Eagle Sinks Talons Into Mid-East Mad Dog

by Robert Leopoldi

President Reagan is finally doing something about the problem of terrorism. He has been known as a man of words, but this time he has done something. On April 14th, at about 7 P.M. E.S.T. (2 A.M. in Libya), a squadron of FA-111 bombers flew 5,600 miles around France and Spain and crushed major terrorist targets in Libya. Corsair bombers from the U.S. 6th fleet carried out simultaneous raids on terrorist targets in Libya's second largest city, Benghazi. These actions were in retaliation for the April 5th bombing of a West Berlin disco that killed one American and injured 50 others. The Libyan supported terrorists have also taken the blame for other bloody acts of terrorism, such as the bomb that blew a hole in the side of a TWA passenger jet liner on April 3rd and the massacre at the airport in Rome on December 27th, 1985.

After all of these "cheap shots" by Khadafy, he has the nerve to call President Reagan an "international terrorist."

What I hate most is when I hear people say "The USSR isn't getting involved," or "The USSR doesn't like Libya." These statements are absolutely false. The USSR is and has been a supporter of the dictatorship in Libya. They have been sending Libya weapons large and small. They have been supporters of terror, along with other Arab nations. Most people refuse to recognize this. People who are calling for sanctions against France and Spain refuse even to mention the USSR.

Although I support the President's decision to attack Libya, I still think that stopping the Soviets from shipping arms to Libya would do a lot more; it would make it easier on our brave soldiers in Europe, who deserve our utmost respect.



LAURA ALLEN: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦

Another Ford Success Story

by Christian Razukas

Laura Allen is the kind of person we like to have here at Bishop Ford. Not only is she intelligent and ranked No. 5 in the senior class, but she is also quite involved in both extracurricular and athletic activities.

In recognition of her ability, Laura has received a variety of scholarships. Ranked among them are a New York State Regents Scholarship, a Merit and De La Salle Honor Society Scholarship to Manhattan College, a Hunter Merit Scholarship, and a Dean's Fellowship and Washington Square University Scholarship to New York University.

Laura intends to major in physical therapy at either Hunter or NYU. She intends one day to work in physical therapy, something that has held great interest for her since she was a child. Hit by a car at eight years old, she spent eight months in rehabilitation. She found it

"fascinating going from paralysis to lifting weights."

In addition to her activities for the yearbook in connection with the Ecology Club, the National Honor Society (and several others), Laura spends time before, during and after classes working in the bio lab's Zoo Squad. She has been a member for four years, longer than any other member. Responsibility for the placental mammals and the maintenance of the botanical facilities is hers.

Laura also serves as the captain of the varsity tennis team. When asked if she is a good player, she responded, "Yeah . . ." Placing first in singles, she was in the quarter finals of the St. Francis Tournament and made it to the St. John's Tournament Semifinals with Maria Gutierrez. She described it as "a triumphant match that tested the limits of my endurance."

In closing, she stated, "I will definitely miss all the time I spent in school after 2:27 in the Bio Lab."



Laura Annie Allen

Caveat Adolescents

by Maria Guerre

Hey Juniors! It's our turn now! It's our turn to make a decision that will affect our next four years and more. I know what you're thinking: Choosing the right college is nothing but a big hassle. You are right, it's no bowl of cherries. It takes a lot of time, precious time, to figure out which college you'll be most comfortable in.

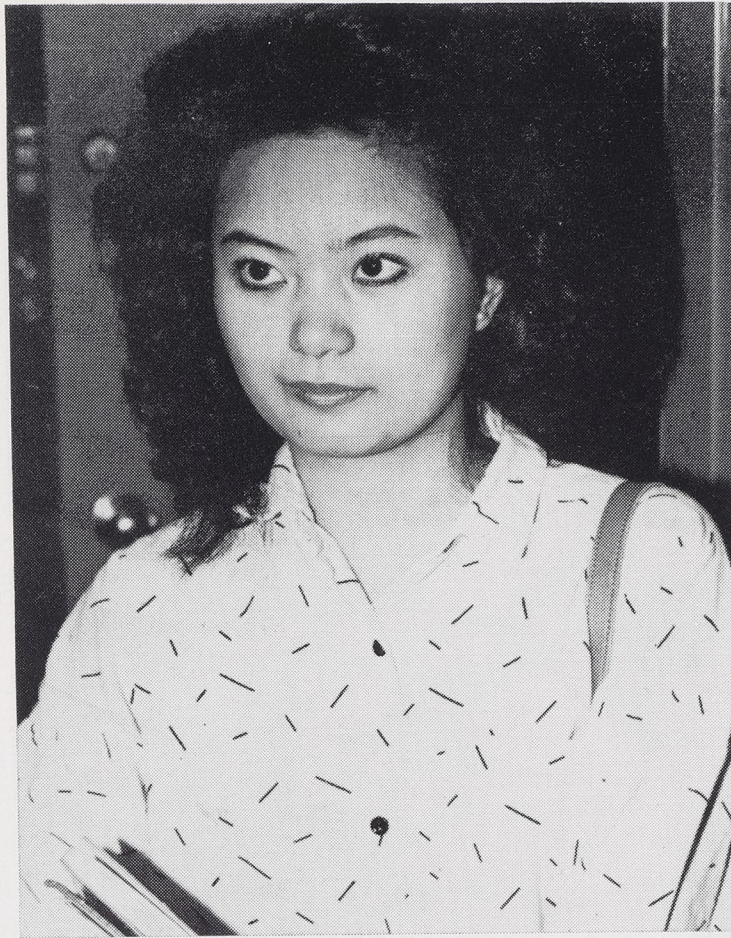
But if you go about it the right way, it shouldn't be such a problem. First, the worst thing you could do would be to mail your applications late in your senior year. Don't wait, act now. Then decide, more or less,

what you're interested in, and take time to explore. Read the college brochures provided especially for you in the guidance office. Talk to your guidance counselor about where he/she thinks you'd be more comfortable. Take time to figure out what's really out there, to see what opportunities are just waiting to grab you. You never know, the right college for you may be right outside your doorstep.

So remember, juniors, mail in those applications as soon as possible! Just think, you'll have nothing to worry about next year, except, of course, what to wear to the senior prom.

Student Spotlight: WILMA NICOMEDEZ

by Gaetano Castellano



Wilma beams for HIGHPOINT photographer. She plans to attend Cornell University in the fall.

Wilma Nicomedez is a student here at Ford who is involved in various activities. Among these activities are the Biology Club, the Ecology Club, the Physical Science Club, the Math Club, our literary magazine, the yearbook staff, **Highpoint**, and the Tutoring Club.

She has been very active in helping people. For example, she participated in the MDA Super Dance for three years, and she has maintained an "A" average and has been on the honor roll since her freshmen year.

Just recently she won a New York State Regents Scholarship. Her College choices are Cornell University and Brooklyn College. She will major in astronomy. When asked what is her favorite class, she answered, "Advanced Independent Studies, because I enjoy performing scientific experiments." Also, when asked what is your opinion about school, she answered, "I think the students at Ford should concentrate more on academics than on their social lives." Some of her hobbies are drawing, reading, writing and chess.

DOUG RENNA: *Il Penseroso*

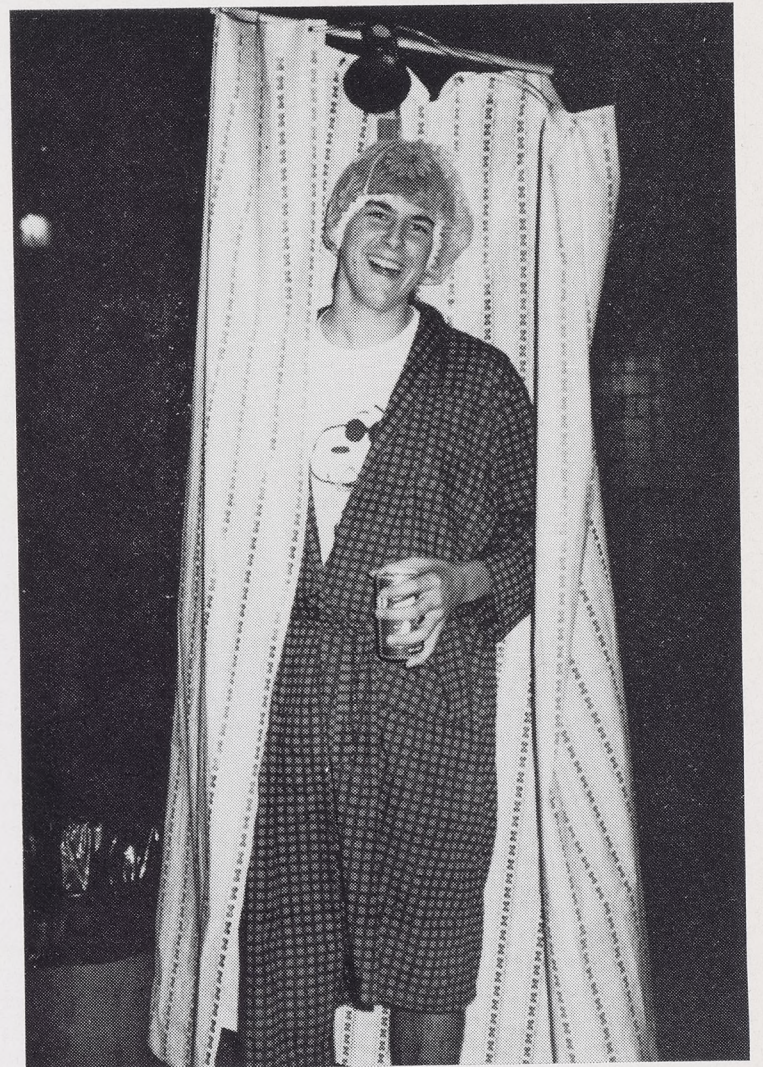
by Wilma Nicomedez

A senior at Bishop Ford, Douglas Renna promises to become a successful engineering physicist in the future. Doug enjoys the study of physics. He hopes to pursue that major at Manhattan College. At the present time, he also looks forward to a minor in either education or mathematics. He plans to teach mathematics in a Catholic high school, if by the end of his four years in college he decides not to continue his studies in physics on the graduate level. Some of his college choices were Cooper Union, Rensselaer Polytechnic, and Polytechnic University.

When I interviewed Doug, he said that he had enjoyed his four years at Bishop Ford and considers Ring Night a most exciting event. However, he said he wished that the administration had presented a more challenging curriculum during his freshman year.

Doug is involved in numerous extra-curricular activities. Some of those activities include intramural hockey, the Games Club, the junior varsity and varsity Math Leagues, and the Ecology Club. Many of Douglas' teachers consider him to have a wonderful sense of humor and a delightful wit. During the interview he mentioned his campus visit to Manhattan College, saying: "I liked the campus because there were many middleclass Irishmen like me. I'm really German and maybe Italian. Actually, I don't really know what I am."

When asked if he had any final words, he said, "The End?" After a while he became serious and said, "I've had a good time here at the country club, and I guess in the end I'll be sad to leave."



Doug always finds time for personal hygiene.

TAKE NOTE!

JUNIORS AND SENIORS TAKE NOTE!

Submit your final exam exemption forms early.

Annals Of The Great Ones: *Michelle Fontenelle*

by Evelyn Duran

Michelle Adeleine Fontenelle is a junior who will graduate a year early. Another junior who is planning to graduate early is Tricia Meadows.

Michelle is planning to attend Johns Hopkins University in the fall of 1986. She will major in biology.

Besides having all honors classes and an average of A, she has many after-school activities. Her clubs include the yearbook, **Highpoint**, the literary magazine, the Foreign Language Club, Junior Activities, bowling intramurals, and the National Honor Society. She is also a volunteer at Methodist Hospital in labor/delivery on Saturdays.

Michelle is a very active student who participates in activities for good causes, such as the Dance-a-thon, the Special Olympics, and the **Mardi Gras**.

She enjoys listening to music that is in the top 40.

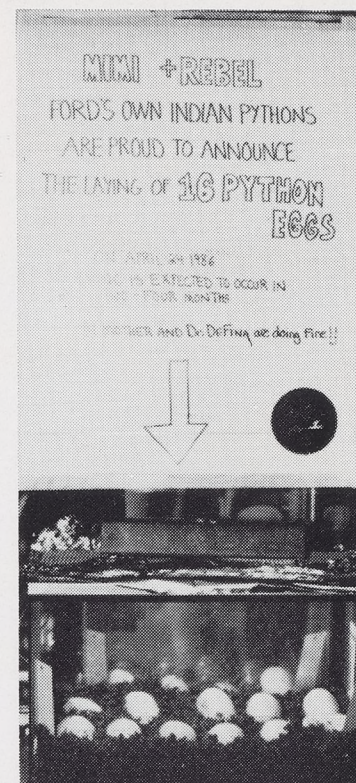
She plans to graduate early because she feels she is capable of doing the work and ready for the challenge college has to offer. She hopes to become an obstetrician/gynecologist.



"I'm never satisfied with my pictures."

Pythons Lay Eggs; Dr. DeFina Proud

On April 24, 1986 the Miracle of Life was repeated in our bio lab. Two of the lab's pythons successfully mated for the first time. Sixteen eggs were laid.



Hatching Expected In July

Give yourself a break! Start studying for the finals now!

JOHN COMIS: Coffee Achiever

by Alberto Gancitano

This issue's spotlight is on senior John Comis. Recently I had the pleasure of interviewing John, and I discovered that he holds a part time job, does regular volunteer work at Methodist Hospital, and is taking some of the most difficult courses that are offered at Bishop Ford. When asked why he has such a grueling work load, Comis replied, "I wouldn't do it if I didn't like it. I enjoy what I'm doing." And he must, because he seems to thrive on such a schedule. As he has been accepted into Brooklyn College's difficult Scholar's Program, one can tell that John is not an average student.

For the duration of his high school years, John has worked in the school's biology laboratory with a closely knit group of individuals working under Doctor DeFina's supervision. He feels that working in the lab has afforded him a better education than any textbook could have offered him. As for Doctor DeFina, Comis stated, "Working with Doctor DeFina, I learned more than how to be a scientist. I learned how to be a person. The man is an awesome educator."

In addition to working in the lab, Comis is president of the Bishop Ford chapter of the National Honor Society. He is a senior leader and is

regularly active in extracurricular activities as diverse as tutoring and camp counselling for special children.

When asked what he liked about the school, Comis was quick to reply: "The faculty here are excellent. They give 110% effort to alleviate student problems. However, there is a lack of communication between the faculty and the administration." And, finally, Comis feels that there is not enough emphasis on education. "After all, this is an academic institution, not an athletic training camp."

But, John, what do you do for fun? "I do what every other eighteen-year-old does. I stay with my girlfriend Jeannine, go to the movies, wash my car, basically the things that everyone else is doing. I'm just your average eighteen-year-old guy." And John is right. Basically, he is not different from the student reading this paper. If it weren't for the fact that John saved a dying man's life, that is. John relates the story to me with an attitude of "I was there." "Anyone else could have done it. The only thing that made it different was that I am an eighteen-year-old volunteer." He describes it this way: "I was in the hospital when a call came saying that there was a code 66 in a particular ward. I

responded to the call, and I performed CPR on the man, and, thankfully, he survived. As is the case in most hospitals, the code went largely unnoticed. If it weren't for

the fact that I am an eighteen-year-old volunteer, no one would have given it a second thought." When I asked John if he felt like a hero, he responded, "NO. I don't feel

I am. I simply performed the necessary. If I hadn't done it, someone else would have."

That's quite a comment, but it comes as no surprise. John's choice of profession, which, incidentally, is the medical field, has most definitely had a bearing on his life. When I asked him why he volunteers at hospitals, he said it is an experiment he performs to see if he can handle being around sick people. It has worked, for, as John puts it, "There's nothing I want to be but a doctor in a rural area. I've known for the longest time." And, unless that happens, he will not be satisfied.

Well, there you have it, a profile of John Comis. From the material presented here, one can safely say that life, for John, is not confined to a classroom.



John Comis, star of stage, screen and surgery.

Student Council Convention

Our Student Council Convention is coming up soon. Make all your choices wisely.

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BISHOP FORD CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 1986!

May the wind ever be at your back, and may the road rise to meet you.

Special Olympic Games Held at Bishop Ford

by Kathy Dolan

This year Bishop Ford had its second annual Special Olympics on March 25, 1986. Bro. Damian felt that an annual day of activities and awards would be the perfect opportunity to unite the handicapped children from schools such as St. Brendan's, St. Francis de Chantel and Christ the King, with the students of Bishop Ford. Bro. Damian and several other faculty members have become well acquainted with the mentally retarded, having worked with them in summer programs and camps such as the Mid-Hudson camp in Esopus, N.Y. The (119) children and (140) students participated in activities such as tug-of-war, shoe retrieval, scooter races, and kickball. Not only did the children participate, the counselors did as well. The counselors assisted by participating in both their own and the children's games.

The most important and memorable task of the day was encouragement. It didn't matter whether the children were primary (6-10), intermediate (11-15), or high school (16-20); the feeling of the day was pride. After the events the participants and counselors gathered in the cafeteria for lunch and the awards ceremony.

The purpose of uniting the students of Ford with these children of the diocese was three-fold. It made us realize that physical strength, looks, or how well we are able to communicate with other people isn't what counts. What's inside of us, deep down—being able to look for the good in others—is the main quality in every human being. When asked the questions: "Why did you take time out of your Easter vacation to help with the Special Olympics?" and "What did you get in return for your time?" these responses were heard:

Lynn Ketelson (Frosh): "I had a really good time. I plan to do it again next year."

Myra Zamora (Soph): It was a day to be just yourself, have fun, and make new friends. I enjoyed working with those kids because it gave me a sense of accomplishment."

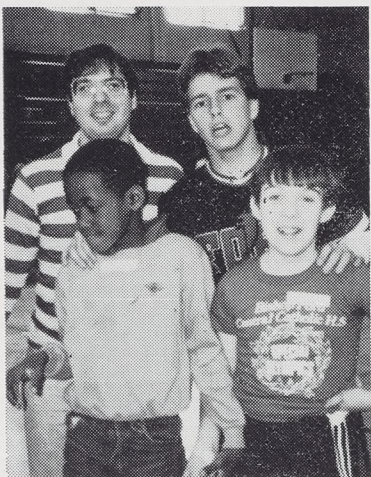
Colleen Gowell (Junior): "I enjoyed spending the day

working with the kids because they were given a chance to enjoy themselves. It made me happy to see the looks on their faces when they realized what they had achieved."

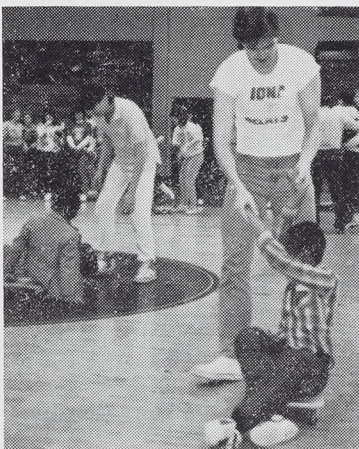
Tara Zarcone (Senior): "It was a fulfilling experience to

spend time with a group of children who are doing their best."

We began the day with the intention of giving to the children. As it turned out, we ended up not only giving but receiving as well.



Brother Damien, Jack Halaby and friends.



Chris Hyatt gives a hand.



Time out.



Ford Falcon greets Olympic athletes.

ECOLOGY CLUB PLANTS THREE NEW TREES



Ecology Club with sapling, from left to right: Janet Kettelson, Martina Heitland, sapling, Josephine Diorio, John Trindade, Jocelyn Baginski, Mrs. Skalecky, Susan Stumpf, Daniel Mulholland.

by Laura Annie Allen

On March 20 and 21, Mrs. Skalecky and the Ecology Club once again sponsored the Eighth Almost-Annual Tree Planting Collection. This year's effort, like past years' collections, was a great success.

The total amount of money collected was \$456.85. With every homeroom contributing, the top three homerooms were 307 with \$17.44; 404 with \$12.80; and 103 with \$11.11. Also, special collections were taken by the secretaries, the faculty and Mrs. Cavanaugh, Mr. McKeown, Dr. DeFina and their science classes. In ad-

dition, a special thanks must go to the Bishop Ford Mother's Club for their donation of \$130.

The planting began after the Arbor Day ceremony on April 22. This year the club will be planting three trees. A flowering crab apple will be planted in the lawn, a silver linden in the front sidewalk, and a Bartlett pear in the side walk along the side of the school.

The Ecology Club would like to thank the students, faculty, and everyone at Ford whose help contributed to making Tree Planting Day a success.

Track Team Quickly Improving

by Eileen Cunningham

When other teams look at the Bishop Ford varsity track team, they may wonder where all the talent is. But it takes a second look to see that it exists in vast quantities. Because the team consists mainly of sophomores and freshmen, it doesn't always stand out at meets. Looking at the results, though, one finds that the team is quickly and greatly improving.

The freshman boys' team placed third in the indoor city champs (the highest placing ever for the team), showing that talent will continue to come to the varsity team in the future. The team's talent was also shown when Stuart McLeod and Anthony Budd shared the MVP award for the meet. Examples of

the talent already on the varsity team are sophomores Sean Rice and Robert Haywood, who placed 2nd and 3rd, respectively, in the sophomore Brooklyn-Queens Champs two-mile run.

The boys' team is not the only talent around. The girls are proving themselves with Eileen Cunningham's 5th-place finish in the girls' varsity city champs, and their two-mile relay remains unbeaten.

This year the team may not be a threat, but other teams should watch out. With freshman like Steven Adgebite, Thomas Shashaty and Raina Lazarus, and returning sophomores Peter Aquilione, Tommy Smith and Courtney Nash, the team will not be quiet for long.

— THANKS —

Thanks to all the people who contributed to the Mid-Hudson Valley Camp for Special Children. Over one hundred dollars was raised. Special thanks to Father Jan, who contributed twenty dollars.

The Year In Sports

by Gaetano Castellano

Ever since the beginning of this school year, Bishop Ford athletes have represented the school well in all sports competitions, winning many games and, in some cases, ending up winning championships.

Starting with our girls' volleyball team, their season was one of the most exciting to follow. They played well in every game and won the Brooklyn Championship. Another team which also triumphed, winning two championships, is the track team. For the eleventh consecutive year, Bishop Ford frosh (boys) won the Brooklyn Champs. And a new tradition began: For the first time ever, the girls' track team captured the Brooklyn Championship and the Diocesan Champs. During the fall season, Ford varsity baseball shared the championship with St. Francis Prep.

Also, another team which is one of the hottest attractions at Ford is the basketball team, which played a spectacular season, capturing the Brooklyn Championship for the first time in twenty years. Last summer the Empire State Games were held in Buffalo. These games are a mini olympics, for which the best athletes in N.Y.S. are selected to compete. Thirty athletes from Bishop Ford were selected to compete at these games for the New York region.

Coach Ray Nash this year won the Coach of the Year Award, and Harry Gordon made the 1986 Tablet All-Star Team. Also, Ronnie Rutigliano, Jim Phalen, Dermot Brennan, Mark Connealy and Eric Fargi made the soccer team All-Stars.

COACHES of the YEAR

Congratulations to Coach Raymond Nash, who was elected Coach of the Year by the TABLET, and to Coach Forte Bellino, who was elected Freshman Coach of the Year by the Brooklyn C.H.S.A.A.

Athletes To Be Honored

by Vito Cirone

On May 29, 1986, the annual sports dinner will be held for all Bishop Ford teams and athletes. The event will take place in the school cafeteria, and there will be hot food and beverages served.

The night is set aside to honor all of our athletes for their efforts toward making

Ford a contending sports school. All athletes will receive trophies, medals, and, of course, recognition and appreciation for giving it their all.

It will truly be a great night for parents, friends, athletes and Ford alumni to get together to pay tribute to our future stars.

Girls' Softball Team In Full Swing

by Kathy Dolan

As spring is here, so is the opening of Bishop Ford's 1986 softball season. Ms. Mayrose's team consists mostly of veteran players from years past, plus a few new members with a lot of talent. They are: seniors (Capt.) Karen McGee, (Capt.) Colleen Donahue, Dana Dave, Jenifer Bonafede, and Teresa Stuto; juniors Amy Purpura, Claudia Russo and Kathy Dolan; sophomores JoAnne Valario, Pat LaFatta, Rosealba Fasano, Renee Fontenelle, and Gina Lynch; freshmen Fran Ruggeri and Eileen (Wild Woman) Daily. With a finish of 3rd in Brooklyn last year, the Falcons are practicing and playing every day with the hope of becoming Brooklyn Champs. This year Bishop Ford's Athletic Department is proud to present a very hard working and ambitious j.v. team coached by Ms. Joan Casazzone. Although varsity and j.v. compete on separate levels, the enthusiasm and competition on both teams is the driving factor which will make our girls a great success in this 1986 season.

Anyone interested in coming to see the girls play can talk to Ms. Mayrose or Ms. Casazzone or just come down to the Prospect Park Parade Grounds.

by Barbra Trukawinski

This year there is a new athletic team in our midst. It is the girls' junior varsity softball team. Last year there was a junior varsity team, but they never played. This year's team is competing against other schools.

The team consists of sixteen girls in the freshman and sophomore classes. They are: J. Bryce, M. Carcel, D. Cimino, D. Coluccio, K. Davis, C. DeVito, K. Dolan, R. Fabian, L. Ferrarotto, A. Gonzalez, K. Gordon, M. Iulo, M. Murphy, L. Perez, J. Santiago, and M. Tavaras. The managers are: C. Gowell, B. McGovern, L. Salvatore, and M. Zarkos. Last, but not least, we have Miss Casazzone, the coach.

The season opened on April 7th when they played McCauley. They have also played Nazareth and St. Edmund's. Their record is one win and one loss. They also have an unfinished game and one that was rained out.

AWARDS NIGHT

Bishop Ford's Annual Athletic Awards Night will take place in the cafeteria on May 29, 1986 at 7:30 p.m.

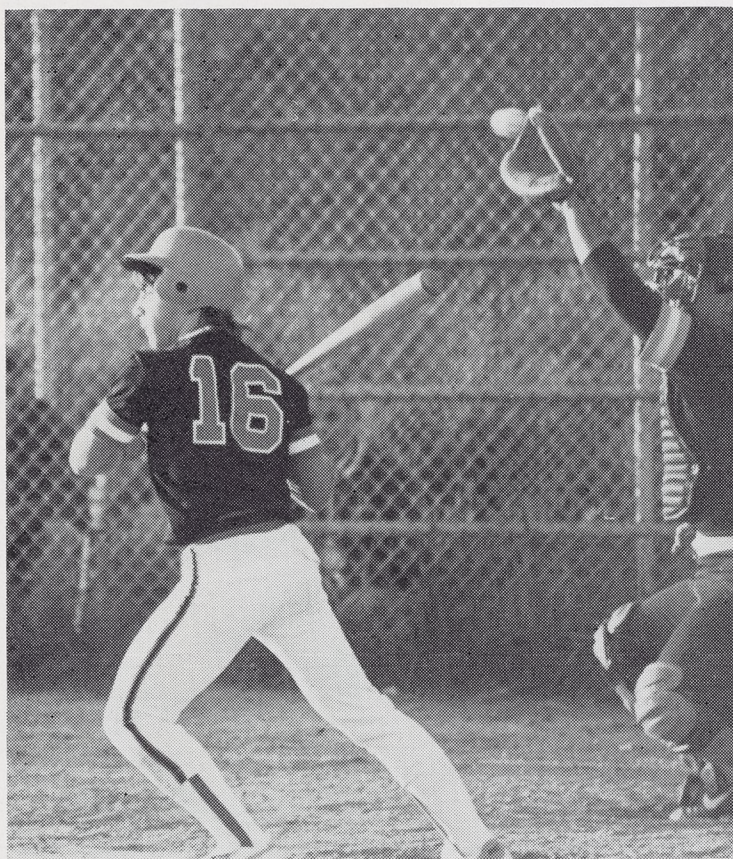


Pictured above, top row, left to right: Eileen Daly, Amy Purpura, Gina Lynch, K. Osgood, Joanne Valario, Mrs. Mayrose (coach), Center row left to right: Rosalba Forsano, Fran Ruggeri, Renee Fontenelle, Pat Lafata, Claudia Russo. Front row, left to right: Karen McGee, Colleen Donahue, Dana Pane, Jennifer Buonafede, Teresa Stuto.

TRIPS TRIPS TRIPS

Juniors: The trip to Great Adventure is scheduled for June 13. Freshmen and Sophomores: The trip to Dorney Park is scheduled for June 6. See Mr. Campanaro for information.

High Hopes For Varsity Baseball



Phil DelRocco takes a swing.

by Vito Cirone

This could be the year the Bishop Ford varsity baseball team brings the championship to our school. The team, coached by Pete Iulo and consisting of seniors Ralph Amitrano, Dave Bairdi, Lou Cretella, Phil DelRocco, Sal DiGrande, Matt DiGrigoli, Jason Gonzalez, Vincent Maetta, and John Rafferty, and juniors Glenn Butler, John Dempsey, Jack Halaby, Stephen Loesch, Kevin Maher and James Shashaty, is one of the best teams ever produced here at Ford.

After being co-champions of the Xaverian Tournament in the fall, the team is showing

good signs for the spring. There is a lot of talent on the team, and their combined efforts may give them a season as successful as the fall one was. They may not be doing as well as they did in the fall, but, as Coach Iulo said, "The league is well balanced. There are one or two players who separate one team from another, and if we play to our capability, we should make the playoffs." Ford has never won a playoff game.

The team has a tough schedule ahead of them, but if we go out and cheer them on, they could be the first team to win the baseball championship for Ford.